CLAIMS

1.   A method for formatting a source text file to be imported into a spreadsheet file comprising the steps of:

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a) selecting a file format profile to be associated to the source text file, the file format profile including at least one identifier with a corresponding formatting instruction;

b) creating a source-format link between the source
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text file and the selected file format profile;

c) importing the source text file into the spreadsheet file;

d) creating a location link between the imported source text file and its location into the spreadsheet file;
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and

e) applying the selected file format profile to the imported source text file by using the source-format link and the location link.

2. The method of claim 1 further comprising before step a) a
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step of creating at least one file format profile including at least one identifier with a corresponding formatting instruction.

3. The method of claim 2 further comprising a step of storing the created at least one file format profile into a file
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format profile database.

4. The method of claim 1 further comprising after step a) the step of modifying the selected file format profile.

5. The method of claim 4 further comprising a step of storing the modified selected file format profile into the file format profile database.

6. The method of claim 1 further comprising after step d) a step of storing the location link into a spreadsheet user profile database.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the spreadsheet file is created by a spreadsheet program.

8. The method of claim 1 further comprising after step e) a step of deleting the location link.

9. A system comprising means for processing the steps of claim 1.

10. A computer program product stored on computer usable medium, comprising computer readable program means for causing a computer to perform a method according to claim 1.